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- 1. Everyone has health insurance, but only ambulatory treatment is free. If treatment has to be continued in the home, the patient must pay for the medicines, which are expensive. For example, an ampule of penicillin costs 50 rubles. Despite insurance, the insertion of a steel-colored metal tooth costs 40 rubles.
- There are no doctors in the villages and local towns, and the feldsher is relied upon for health matters. Doctors, like other public servants, must work eight hours. After hours they may undertake private practice but must keep a separate book designating the patient's name, residence, and ailment. They are not allowed to charge for their services but may accept whatever is given to them. The chief doctor of Taurage (55-15N, 22-18E), Dr. Didziulis (fnu), once ruled that bakeries could use motor oil drained from crankcases for disinfecting the forms in which bread is baked, since such oil "is a good disinfectant and not injurious to health." There is another doctor in Taurage, Dr. Matusevicius (fnu), who is a surgeon working at the raion hospital on Vincas Kudirka Street.

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